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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendent, Fort Berthold Agency

FROM: ^{ACTING} Regional Director, Great Plains Region

SUBJECT: Supplemental to Environmental Assessment

A Categorical Exclusion has been completed in compliance with the regulations of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. The proposed Supplemental Categorical Exclusion is for information tiering off of an existing Environmental Assessment for Oneok Pipeline, and authorizes pipe size changes to previously approved pipelines on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

All the necessary requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act have been completed. Attached for your files is a copy of the Categorical Exclusion.

If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Bercier, Regional Environmental Scientist, Division of Environment, Safety and Cultural Resources Management, at (605) 226-7656.

Attachment

cc: Tex Hall, Three Affiliated Tribes (with attachment)
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EXCEPTION CHECKLIST FOR BIA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

Date: 8/29/2012

Project: Supplemental to Environmental Assessment (EA) Addendum for ONEOK Rockies Midstream, LLC (ONEOK) Charlson Pipeline, May 2012, to authorize the change in pipe size.

Nature of Proposed Action: The purpose of the proposed action is to authorize ONEOK to change the pipe size of the Charlson Pipeline. The Charlson Pipeline will be a 16-inch, high-density polyethylene natural gas pipeline. The pipeline would be constructed in the previously approved route, as shown on the attached location map. Best management practices and other commitments agreed upon in the EA Addendum would still apply. The increase in pipeline size would not cause any additional impacts other than those previously disclosed and approved in the EA Addendum.

Exclusion category and number: 516 DM 10.5F(1)

Evaluation of Exceptions to use of Categorical Exclusion:

1. This action would have significant adverse effects on public health or safety. No X Yes _____
2. This action would have an adverse effect on unique geographical features, such as wetlands, wild or scenic rivers, refuges, floodplains, rivers placed on nationwide river inventory, or prime or unique farmlands. No X Yes _____
3. The action will have highly controversial environmental effects. No X Yes _____
4. The action will have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. No X Yes _____
5. This action will establish a precedent for future actions. No X Yes _____
6. This action is related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects. No X Yes _____
7. This action will affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. No X Yes _____

8. This action will affect a species listed, or proposed to be listed as endangered or threatened. No X Yes _____
9. This action threatens to violate federal, state, local or tribal law or requirements imposed for protection of the environment. No X Yes _____
10. This action will have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations. No X Yes _____
11. This action will limit access to, and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners, or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites. No X Yes _____
12. This action will contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species. No X Yes _____

A "yes" to any of the above exceptions will require that an EA be prepared.

NEPA Action - - - CE X EA _____

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Regional Archeologist Concurrence with Item 7 Jason R. Munday

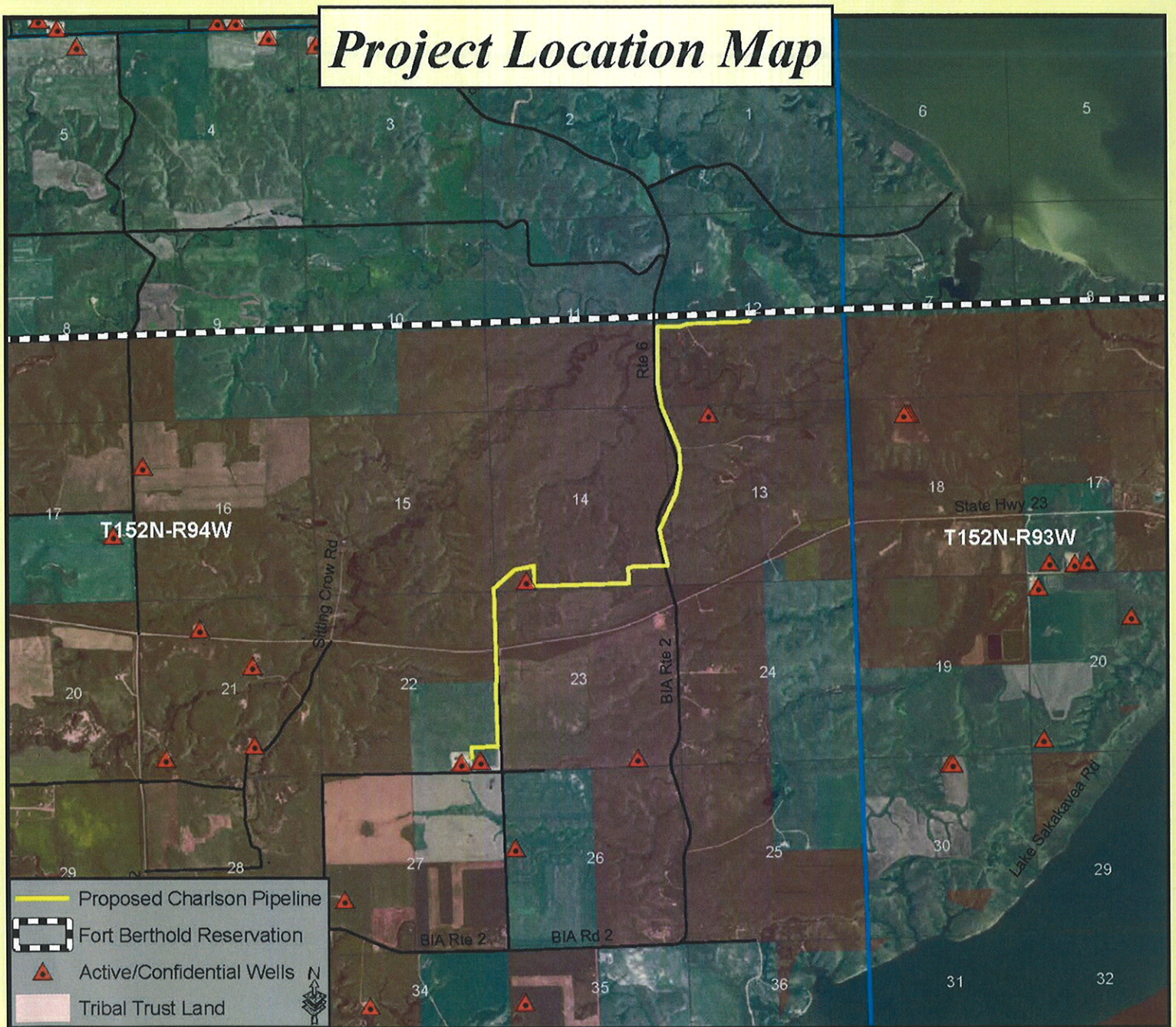
Concur: Jeffrey R. Davis
Regional Office/Agency Environmental Coordinator

Date: 8-29-2012

Concur: Matthew Beren
ACTING Regional Director/Superintendent

Date: 8/30/12

Project Location Map



ONEOK Rockies Midstream, LLC
Proposed Charlson Pipeline
McKenzie County, ND

**Kadrmas
 Lee &
 Jackson**
 Engineers Surveyors
 Planners

